(b) and (c). Yes, Sir. It was indicated in a meeting with air taxi operators that for operation of scheduled air transport services, Government would prescribe the scale of minimum services to be rendered by such operators in far/flung areas and on routes other than the trunk routes. These guidelines have since been issued. A copy is attached as statement.

Statement

PROVISION OF SERVICE IN DIFFERENT CATEGORIES OF ROUTES

CATEGORY—I

Routes connecting directly

BOMBAY—BANGALORE
BOMBAY—CALCUTTA
BOMBAY—DELHI
BOMBAY—HYDERABAD
BOMBAY—MADRAS
BOMBAY—TRIVANDRUM
CALCUTTA—DELHI
CALCUTTA—BANGALORE
CALCUTTA—MADRAS
DELHI—BANGALORE
DELHI—HYDERABAD
DELHI—MADRAS

CATEGORY—II

Routes connecting stations in North-Eastern region, Jammu and Kashmir, Andaman & Nicobar and Lakshadweep.

CATEGORY—III

Routes other than those in Category-I and Category-II

Anyone who operates scheduled air transport service on one or more of the routes under Category-I, shall be required to provide such service in Categories-II and III as indicated below:—

The operator will deploy on routes in Category II at least 10 per cent of the Capacity he deploys on routes in Category-I and of the capacity thus required to be deployed on Category-II routes, at least 10 per cent would be deployed on services or segments thereof operated exclusively within the North-Eastern region, Jammu and Kashmir, Andaman and Nicobar and Lakshadweep.

The operator will deploy on routes in Category-III, at leat 50 per cent of the capacity he deploys on routes in Category-I.

Note 1 : A service operated on a Category—I route as a part of international air service will not be reckoned for the above purpose.

Note 2 : Capacity deployed will be reckoned in Available Seat Kilometers (ASKM).

Note 3 : On multiple sector routes like Delhi-Calcutta-Guwahati-Imphal, the capacity provided on Delhi-Calcutta sector will count towards Category-I, that provided on Calcutta-Guwahati sector will count towards Category-II and the capacity on Guwahati-Imphal sector will count towards service exclusively within Category-II.

Enquiry into Flights taking off during bad weather

3091. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that under instructions of the Director of Flight Safety of Indian Airlines, an I.A. Craft took off on flight IC-439 on the 15th January, 1994 for Hyderabad and Madras even when weather conditions were below minimum and visibility was less than 100 meters;

(b) whether earlier on the 3rd January, 1994 also an IC-186 sector Delhi-Bombay route when weather conditions were below minimum required to take off, craft was allowed by the Director of Flight safety of IA apart from doing a tail skid on 31-10-1993 in flight IC-185

aircrafts VT-EDZ on Bombay-Delhi sector; and

(c) if so, whether any enquiry has so far been conducted if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) Investigations by DGCA revealed that while operating the flights mentioned, there was no violation of the minimum weather conditions prescribed by the DGCA.

Investigation into the tail strike incident revealed that the tail of Indian Airlines A-300 aircraft, VT-EDZ had made a light contact with the runway during the flight IC-185 of 31-10-93.

Destination Preferred by Foreign Tourists

3092. SHRI RAMSINH RATHWA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India receives foreign tourists from different parts of the world, who have different preferences and testes in matters of tourist destinations and if so, what are the major categories of foreign tourists according to their preference for tourist destination in India;

(b) whether there is a definite category of foreign tourists who prefer destinations where they can enjoy solitude of a high degree of peace of mind and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what are the major tourist destinations which can offer solitude and what steps Government are taking to ensure that these destinations do not get over commmercialised and lose their character?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) The major categories of foreign tourists are culture seekers, holiday makers, business tourists, adventure tourists etc.

(b) Some tourists are nature lovers who enjoy solitude and peace.

(c) Islands and hills without any habitation offer solitude and peace to tourists. The development of tourism in such areas are subject to environmental guidelines and carrying capacity.

Aircrafts on Domestic Routes

3093. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) how many aircrafts are on domestic routes;

(b) how many daily schedules thereof are there;

(c) what are the companies operating them; and

(d) what are the routes, companywise?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (d) Indian Airlines operates scheduled services to 54 destinations in the country with a fleet strength of 53 aircraft. Schedule of flights of Indian Airlines is published periodically.

Tourism Proposals of Andhra Pradesh

3094. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what are the tourism proposals from Andhra Pradesh that are pending for clearance; and

(b) what is their status?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Nine project proposals amounting to Rs. 91.85 lakhs have been sanctioned during 1993-94. In respect of the remaining two proposals, clarification has been sought from the State Government of Andhra Pradesh.